GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAIL CUM ROAD BRIDGE
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has requested for converting the proposed road bridge at Sariaghat under NHDP to a rail-cum-road bridge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Assam had sent a request in December, 2006 for conversion of bridge at Saraighat from road bridge to rail cum road bridge, while the work of construction of a road bridge at Saraighat had already been awarded in May 2006, for an amount of Rs. 238 Crore to M/s Gammon India Ltd. Any change, therefore, was not possible as this might have resulted in contractual claims and litigation apart from delaying the completion of East-West Corridor considerably. Accordingly, the request of Government of Assam was not acceded to.